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**DANGER TO SUGAR CANE.**

Freeze in Louisiana Threatens Great Damage to It.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—A report from the northern and central sugar belt of Louisiana indicates that there was a freeze of considerable proportions today. The grinding has stopped and the sugar houses shut down, so that all hands can be placed at winnowing the standing cane. It is chopped down and laid in rows in the deep furrows so that in case of more freezing temperature only the top layers will be damaged. If the weather should turn very warm within the next few days the loss of cane will be very heavy, and the planters are hoping that cool weather will continue a week or such a matter. The duration and intensity of the storm are unprecedented in the sugar belt.

**THE BOLL WEEVIL.**

The Record noted the fact that the merchants of Cuero and the farmers of that vicinity held a mass meeting one day last week to devise some means of checking the ravages of the Mexican boll weevil. The cotton growers agreed to turn their stock in on the cotton fields as soon as the cotton is gathered and afterward to gather and burn the stalks. It was earnestly urged that all farmers in the infested sections organize and agree on like remedial procedure. These organizations are requested to report to the central organization at Cuero no Dec. 5, when another meeting will be held at the courthouse in that city. The News has heard nothing of the weevil in this immediate vicinity for some time, but advises the farmers to inspect their cotton closely and if any are found — which there doubtless will be — to heartily co-operate with the Cuero farmers. Only by a systematic and united effort can anything be accomplished toward checking the depredations of this formidable pest. —Yorktown News.

**MEXICAN NOTES.**

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Gen. Diaz took the oath of office as chief magistrate at 10 o'clock this morning in the hall of the chamber of deputies in the presence of a great assemblage of notable people.

Exceptionally cold weather prevails as a result of the northerly gales on the coast.

The directors of the Southern Pacific Railway company, have arrived here on a pleasure trip.

**PECULIAR FREIGHT WRECK.**

One Man Killed—Cars Scattered Over a Distance of Eight Miles.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 1.—A freight train of thirty cars loaded with lumber and shingles from the west got beyond control on the heavy grade east of Mullen tunnel, on the Northern Pacific road, and ran away. Twenty-six cars are scattered along a distance of eight miles, where the engine left the track. Ed. Jarbeau, head brakeman, was thrown down the embankment with several cars and killed. Fireman Young jumped and escaped with a broken collar bone, severe scalp wounds and other injuries. Engineer John Flynn's leg was broken, besides being internally injured. Conductor John McBean's thigh was broken, his back wrenched and his shoulder thrown out of joint. For a distance of eight miles the track is badly torn up, and it will be forth eight hours before the damage is repaired. It is the worst wreck ever known on the Northern Pacific railroad.

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**Brownsville, Cameron Co., Texas.**

Cameron County is the extreme southern county of Texas. It is separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande on the south and has about 100 miles of gulf coast as its eastern boundary. It was organized in 1848, and contains 3308 square miles. Farming and stock raising are the principal industries of the people the location, climate and soil being admirably adapted for both. The greater portion of the soil is a rich loam, and produces an exceedingly heavy yield of both cotton and corn the chief farm products. Two, and sometimes three crops of corn, averaging from fifty to seventy bushels per acre, are raised yearly, while cotton will easily yield from one to two bales per acre. Grasses grow all the year, and stock find pasture without being fed or sheltered during the winter. But the soil and climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are by nature best adapted for the production of vegetables and fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow all the year around, and northern people are astonished to find tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, English peas, etc., served fresh from the gardens in midwinter. This is undoubtedly the paradise of track gardeners, and so soon as rail transportation is obtained Cameron county vegetables by the car load will be shipped to northern markets during winter and early spring, and will obtain the highest prices, as there will be no competition. This is due to our exceedingly mild climate. Frequently the entire winter passes without a single frost, and there is rarely ever any cold weather before Christmas. Fruit culture has not been attempted in this county on a large scale, but there is one large banana plantation on which this delicious fruit yields most abundantly and in the greatest perfection. Grapes are also raised extensively, growing in almost every yard. They ripen from two to four weeks earlier than in any other section. Many planters here make all of their own table wines. Oranges and lemons also grow in profusion, and this section could easily be made to rival Florida in the production of oranges. Sugar cane is also one of the most important products of this valley. The Rio Grande plantation of Mr. Geo. Brulay and the Rabb Starck plantation produce great quantities of cane, which is all manufactured on the Rio Grande plantation. This cane makes sugar which is produced by experts to be even superior to the best Louisiana product. Havana tobacco has also proven a success here, Col. J. G. Tucker having made some successful experiments with it; his samples were classed by New York buyers as equal to the best Havana.

The county is watered by the Rio Grande with its ample flow along the southern boundary, and numerous small streams called "arroyos," and "resacas."

The population of Cameron county according to the census of 1890 is 13,424. Brownsville, the county seat, has a population of about 7000. Point Isabel, the seaport of the county, has about 400 inhabitants and Santa Maria, a growing little river settlement, has about 250.

Unimproved lands sell for from \$5 to \$25 per acre, unimproved for from \$2 to \$4 per acre. The average taxable value of land is \$1. There are 82,240 acres of school land in the county. The county has a total school population of 4400, and gives employment to 80 teachers. The average length of the school term is five months. The total tuition revenue received from the State is \$13,900. There are a number of public schools in the county, affording ample educational advantages.

Homeseekers are gradually beginning to find their way to this land where farmers can work in the open air 365 days in the year, but it is comparatively undeveloped as yet. With the building of the railroad to Corpus Christi, however, a great influx of settlers may be expected and they will be heartily welcomed. This valley is capable of supporting millions of people. The Herald will be pleased to furnish any further information regarding the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Readers abroad may write

- 1st. 300 acres of land, two must from city hall of Brownsville, situated on Resaca la Guerra, and horse-shoe affluent of such resaca on mail road, suitable for fruit orchards, 30 acres now in irrigation with pecan, walnut, chestnuts plum, peach, pear, apricot, cherry Japanese persimmon, fig grape and ribbon cane. Can be subdivided into 5 or 10 acre lots, giving each abundant water supply, there being a depth of 5 to 15 feet of water all seasons of the year. Price \$10 to \$25 per acre, according to location. Will sell in a body at special rates.
- 2d. 32 pieces adjoining, one of 200 and the other of 120 acres, situated on Resaca Rancho Viejo, five miles from city hall on mail road. Both pieces almost surrounded by water of 10 to 15 feet in depth, 40 acres under irrigation. This land is equal to if not superior to the Mississippi bottom lands, and can be made a paying investment for a fruit orchard or truck gardening. Can be subdivided into 5 to 10 acre lots. Price \$10 to \$25 per acre; whole tract on special terms.
- 3d. 160 acre tract two miles from the city of Brownsville, on resaca, with good water supply. Ebony, Mesquite, Ash, Hackberry and other timbers. Alluvial soil. To one who desires to subdivide in small tracts, this is a paying investment. Sold in bulk only. Price \$10 per acre.
- 4th. 25,000 acres in one body, having a frontage of about six miles on the Rio Grande Railroad on the south, and the Arroyo Colorado on the north. Well timbered along the streams and lakes; balance prairie. Includes within its limits the famous battle fields of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. Arable and pasture. Price \$3, per acre.
- 5th. A tract adjoining No. 4, which together with that tract will include 100,000 acres in one body very desirable. Special terms to colonist.
- 6th. 10,000 acre tract about three miles from the Arroyo Post Office. This land is well timbered and watered, soil alluvial, adapted to fruits, cotton, corn, cane, etc. Special terms to any one buying tract, obligating to colonize.
- 7th. 1600 acre tract, fronting on the Rio Grande, about twenty miles from Brownsville and 8 miles from Santa Mar, a 300 acres under cultivation on low lands on river front. All good arable land. Price \$3 per acre.
- 8th. 725 acres, triangular form, fronting on Rio Grande, 16 miles above Brownsville good land. Well watered. Price \$3,000.
- 9th. Numerous tracts of pasture lands from 1000 to 5000 acres each in different parts of the county.
- 10th. This is a very desirable place for a small fruit or truck farm, containing 101 acres, with a new brick dwelling of 6 rooms, frame stable and other out-houses, and large underground cistern; three miles from Brownsville on Resaca de la Palma on the county road.

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